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## Russia's New Disarmament Proposal

Lake Success, Feb. 8.—Russia today asked the United Nations Security Council to condemn the Western network of regional defence pacts and rearmament programmes and order a public count of the United States' atomic bomb stockpile within seven weeks.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Jacob Malik, introduced a resolution reviving Russia's once-drafted proposal for immediate reduction by one-third of the armed and armed forces of the United States, China, France, Britain and Russia, with the destruction of all atom-bombs as the first important step.

Western delegations on the Council quickly defended measures like the proposed Atlantic security pact, on which Mr. Malik's attack appeared to be centred, and roundly denounced the new Soviet disarmament move.

Mr. Malik claimed that such regional pacts, "hended by aggressive circles of certain great powers who are aiming at imposing their aggressive policy on other countries, also increase production of weapons and for this purpose are creating in all parts of the world air and naval bases which are in no way justified by the interests of these nations."

### DOOMED TO DEFEAT

These "aggressive circles," Mr. Malik charged, "pursue a policy of unleashing new war."

The United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, answered that such regional defence pacts were fully in accord with the United Nations principles and were "of peaceful intent." He denounced Russia's move as "sabotage."

The latest Russian disarmament proposal appeared doomed to defeat from the start. Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan observed drily that "it is a considerable waste of time" for the Russians to keep reviving once-defeated projects.—United Press.

## Italian Rioters Battle Police

Rome, Feb. 8.—Shooting flared up in the streets of Angona today as riot police battled with a Communist-led mob of unemployed. First reports said at least ten persons were injured in the clash.

Dispatches from the Adriatic port city of 100,000 said rifle and revolver shots were fired on police who were patrolling the streets in Jeeps and armoured cars. The police fired back.

Later this afternoon the city was described as quiet but tense. Hundreds of unemployed still roamed the streets.—Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

## An Urgent Question

THE Soviet Union's offer of a non-aggression pact to Norway poses an urgent question to the United States and the other Atlantic Pact powers. Norway herself, between the devil and the deep blue sea, can do little. It was obvious from the beginning that as soon as they even considered abandoning their traditional neutrality the Scandinavian countries would have to choose their side. The recent Nordic talks apparently failed because Sweden and Denmark were unwilling to do this; they hoped that by not committing themselves to positive action, they could postpone, and perhaps evade, that difficult decision. Norway is to be congratulated on her more realistic attitude. She argued from the first that the old neutrality would not be possible in a third world war, and proposed that the Northern Powers decide once and for all where their sympathies lay, and enter into collective defence agreements immediately. The original Norwegian note to Moscow was guarded and non-committal, but the present visit

of the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Lange, to the United States indicates that Norway has, as expected, chosen the West. It remains for the West to offer their potential ally acceptable terms, and to give careful consideration to her views and problems. On the face of it the Soviet offer is reasonable enough. Its object, if any confidence could be placed in it, is the

### Awards To HK Firemen

London, Feb. 8.—Two Hongkong firemen have been awarded the King's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry during the September 22 fire when more than 140 people died. The London Gazette announced this tonight.

They are Acting Deputy Chief Officer Harold Tipplady and Station Officer Wong Wal-sol.

The citation says Mr Tipplady showed "great courage and initiative" in effecting a dangerous rescue. Station Officer Wong, says the citation, initiated the rescue of about 60 people who were trapped on the upper floors of a building.—Reuter.

## Missing Plane Believed To Have Crashed

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.—A Scandinavian Airlines' Viking aircraft, bound for Copenhagen from Madrid, was reported missing tonight after trying unsuccessfully to make a blind approach landing by instruments at Kastrup Airport here.

The plane was believed to have crashed in the sea between Denmark and Sweden.

The aircraft, carrying 33 passengers on board and a crew of four or five, was last in touch with Kastrup Airport at about 8 p.m. since when nothing had been heard by the airport from it.

All the passengers were Danish. Actual details were not known here.

A report from Stockholm tonight said a Viking plane belonging to the Danish branch of the Scandinavian Airlines was reported to have crashed in the sea 20 miles off Malmö in fog.—Reuter.

### Free Motor Cars For Disabled

London, Feb. 8.—The Minister of Pensions, Mr. H. A. Marquand, was asked in the House of Commons today for details of plans to provide for free motor cars for certain disabled ex-service men and women.

He stated that plans had been made to supply 1,500 small cars. Certain adaptations of standard models had been arranged to meet the needs of disabled persons.

So far, 23 cars had been delivered. Fifty cars were to be available for blind pensioners.—Reuter.

## DEFENCE OPENS ADDRESS IN KWOK-SPARY TRIAL

## Strong Objection Taken To Statement By Crown Counsel

## COMMENT ON LACK OF SYSTEM IN ISSUE OF PWD STORES

Strong objection to a statement by Crown Counsel that the Police Force was, from time to time, abused by defence counsel, was taken by Mr. Percy Chen at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the concluding phase of the lengthy P.W.D. larceny trial was reached. "The best possible relations exist between myself, Mr. Hooton, my learned friend, Mr. Johnson and Mr. MacPherson of the Police, but that does not prevent us from examining from every angle all the evidence. So don't get too heated about the matter, Mr. Hooton," remarked Mr. Chen.

On trial before Mr. Justice Reynolds and a jury of four men and three women are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, electrical inspector, grade I, facing 11 charges of theft by public servant, obtaining money from the Kowloon Bowring Green Club by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money. Spary is defended by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, while Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Mr. J. Johnson, A.S.P., and Mr. D. G. MacPherson, A.S.P.

Mr. Hooton, who spoke for two and a half hours yesterday, concluded his address to the jury at 10.35 a.m. today. In his final point, Crown Counsel asked the jury to always remember that all the jobs were done at the premises of friends and acquaintances of Spary and, in his submission, neither Kwok Kwong, nor Ho Sung nor any workman would dare to go to these places in broad daylight for fear of being reported to the authorities or being seen by Spary.

"In my submission the Police officers, of all people, have done their duty properly and fairly and have properly brought forward this case," said Mr. Hooton.

When the Court assembled, Crown Counsel, concluding his final speech, referred to the work done at the C.P.A. and said that it was an incontrovertible fact that the materials used were drawn from the Hunghom stores and were still at the C.P.A.

Regarding Mr. Harris, Mr. Hooton said that it was indeed unfortunate that he was away from the Colony during the hearing of the case, but they had heard from officials that Mr. Harris had been pressed to go on leave because he was run down in health. He did not tell the Police, and any suggestion that his going away was done with the connivance of the Police was, of course, nonsense, said Mr. Hooton.

Mr. Hooton submitted that in the C.P.A. case as in many of the others, numerous defences had been put forward in cross-examination, but they fell down for lack of evidence and by reason of the evidence of Lum Yam, whose statement had been admitted as having been made voluntarily and which told the whole story.

LAST CHARGE

Regarding the last charge that of conspiracy, Crown Counsel said that the jury's deliberations need not be long. If they were satisfied on the evidence that the workmen did work in Government time at the orders of the defendants, either of them, and that the two defendants had agreed that they should work there in Government time, then, in his submission, they should be found guilty.

Dealing with Kwok's statement from the dock, Mr. Hooton said

## New U.S. Bill Would Repeal Racial Bars

Washington, Feb. 8.—The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee today approved unanimously legislation to repeal all racial bars to immigration into the United States.

This measure, which will be introduced into the House of Representatives "as soon as possible," will principally affect Asiatics, including Pakistanis, Koreans, Japanese, Malaysians, Indonesians, Nepalese and Pacific Islanders. Racial bars to Indians, Chinese and Filipinos already have been repealed.

The bill's sponsor, Representative Walter Judd, said the bill would enable 85,000 Asiatics at present in the United States to take out naturalization papers. He said he expected the House to act favourably on the measure.

Mr. Francis Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, said the bill would eliminate one of the major causes of friction in the Far East.—United Press.

RIGHT TO THE ROOT

Mr. Chen said that before he began his address to the jury, he would like to draw the attention of the

Court to a definition of possession which was enunciated by Crown Counsel and which went right to the root of the trial. In the submission of the prosecution the materials were in Government stores and the Crown exercised control over them and had the right of possession over them by virtue of their presence and that the accused had no right to dispose of them. He would ask Crown Counsel at this juncture if he would discuss the law to support his contention.

His Lordship: I will direct the jury on the law. If you have any submissions to make to the Court on the law I will hear them.

Mr. Chen: My request to my learned friend from his point of view is that I would like to hear from him whether his case is based upon the alleged use by the accused of materials which were taken from the Government stores or whether they were materials left over from certain jobs.

His Lordship: It is obvious that there is some of each.

Mr. D'Alton: There is nothing obvious about anything. It must be proved.

His Lordship: I wish you would allow Mr. Chen to address me and don't interrupt.

Mr. Chen: I am sure it was an inadvertence on my friend's part at the heat of the moment.

His Lordship remarked that there was evidence that some of the goods were ordinary Government property and sent out to jobs from the stores, and there was evidence that some of the materials were left by the Japanese.

Replying to Mr. Chen, Crown Counsel said that most of the cable alleged to have been stolen was new white wire. There were lamps formerly in the G.P.O. but they had been removed and stored in the Wanchai workshop.

LONG CASE

Mr. Chen, opening his address to the jury, said that he was sure that the Court, his Lordship, his learned friend and Crown Counsel were all indebted to the jury for the patience—the amazing patience—and the amazing attention which they had given to the case. In a long period since he was called to the Bar, said Mr. Chen, he had never come across in any Court in the Colony, or other Colonies and in the Mother Country a case which had lasted so long. The trial had lasted two weeks and the case itself over six months. Kwok Kwong was arrested on August 11 and had been in custody ever since.

The jury had followed the case in a manner and with such attention as he had never seen here before. Even in small cases he had seen juries dozing off—but never jurywomen—but in this case he had watched the jury very attentively, and there had been no sign of any dozing. They were fortunate to have standing between the King and the prisoners at the bar seven jurors who had everyday knowledge of conditions in Hongkong both before the war and after the war up to the present time.

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## Li Moves To Patch Up KMT Split

Canton, Feb. 9.—General Huang Hsiao-hsien, close associate of Acting President Li Tsung-jen, arrived from Nanking last night for conferences with Premier Sun Fo and other Kwangtung leaders.

He arrived amidst reports of a widening breach between the Kwangtung faction, headed by Dr. Sun and Governor Hsich Yuch, and the Kwangsi group headed by Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

General Huang is reported to have been sent to Canton by President Li in an attempt to patch up differences between the groups. His principal activity during the scheduled two-day stay is believed to be to allay Kwangtung fears that Li is preparing to sacrifice Kwangtung interests in making a peace with the Communists which might provide personal protection for the Kwangsi group.

The Governor of Kwangtung, General Hsich Yuch, honoured the emissary at a dinner party last night which was attended by all prominent officials now gathered in this refugee capital. General Huang is due to make a formal call on Premier Sun today.—United Press.

### YEN'S MISSION

Shanghai, Feb. 9.—Weather conditions permitting, Shanghai's civilian peace delegation, led by Dr. W. W. Yen, will leave for Peiping this morning to "knock at the door of peace," it was learned.

They will travel in a special China National Aviation Corporation plane. At the time of writing, the weather is overcast with a steady drizzle—conditions which may necessitate a postponement of the takeoff.

As a result of a last-minute reshuffle, the Yen mission will comprise three members instead of six—Dr. Yen, Mr. Chang Hsiao-chu, a prominent lawyer and one-time Prime Minister in the early days of the Republic, and Mr. Kiang Yun, a notable local attorney.

The mission will be accompanied by Dr. Shao Li-ze, the unofficial leader of the Nationalist Government's peace delegation.—Reuter.

### POWERS CONSULTING

Washington, Feb. 8.—A State Department spokesman today said that the United States, Britain and France were engaged in general consultations on the "Chinese situation."

The Department press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, left unchallenged a London report that the three governments were discussing their attitude toward a possible government in China. Mr. McDermott said he "would not say" when asked, whether the report was "true or false." However, he added that the three powers were in almost constant general discussion on events in China.—United Press.

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# WOMANSENSE

## Queen Of 'Once Upon A Time'

by Victor Thompson

If you have no children and do not borrow anybody else's, you may never have heard the name of Enid Blyton, but if you are a parent you will know at once whom I mean.

Enid Blyton is the best-selling author of books for boys and girls. She is more than that, for she has become the idol of her readers, who send her an average of 1,000 letters a week telling her so.

To them she is the wonderful person who is never too tired to tell them a story, and during last Christmas Santa Claus received thousands of requests not merely for a book, but an Enid Blyton book.

### Childhood

BOOK trade gossip is that this popularity earns Enid Blyton between £50,000 and £60,000 a year, but the real figure is "only" £10,000, or twice what a Cabinet Minister gets.

This eminence has been achieved without advertising and publicity campaigns. It would be pointless to try to "boost" Enid Blyton because children are impervious to Public Relation blandishments.

What sort of person, then, is this Queen of Once Upon a Time? She is a tall dark woman with a ready smile and the brightest brown eyes you ever saw. She is the wife of a famous surgeon and she has two girls of her own, one seventeen and one twelve.

We sat by the fire in her home at Beaconsfield and she talked of her phenomenal success, which still bewilders her somewhat. "Even as a little girl," she said, "I used to make up stories for my brothers. At the age of eight I was already determined to be a writer of children's books when I grew up."

Her parents wanted her to become a musician and sent her to the Guildhall School of Music. For years she studied hard and did four hours of practice every day, but all the time she went on scribbling.

### Semi-colons, Not Quavers

WHEN she was seventeen she told her father she would always prefer semi-colons to semi-quavers. He, wise man, agreed to let her have her way.

To find out all about the minds of young readers she did three years as a student teacher in kindergarten schools.

While she was still teaching her first book was published—a collection of stories she had written while still a child. Since then she has published nearly 250 books, and still found time to be a wife and mother, to run a home, to do all the shopping, to work for hours in her garden.

### Household Hints

When you are using a double boiler, it is best to fill the bottom part about one-third full. If too little water is used, it may boil away before the food in the top part has finished cooking.

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Strain shortening that has been used for deep fat frying through three thicknesses of cheesecloth before storing. Keep the covered container in the refrigerator until ready to use again.

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To keep white paint glossy, wash it with milk and very little soap.

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If buying drapery or slipcover material to use in an informal room, consider the printed calicos which are new and smart for informal, traditional and modern rooms and, in addition, wash well.

### 1922 HAD NO WAISTLINE

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—It probably won't do any good, but women who are slaves of fashion ought to take a look at the fashion of 1922 to 1926 inclusive.

It looks strange now but it was as high style then as the latest Hattie Carnegie today.

Husbands who wish to impress the world on their wives should take them to see Warner Bros.' "Task Force." Jean Wyatt is absolutely stylish—and absolutely ridiculous.

Miss Wyatt charges that opinion about her clothes.

"What happened to my waistline?" was her first question when she tried on the box-like, affair designer Leah Rhodes whipped up. "I never looked worse."

Miss Rhodes assured her that it was exactly the same garment that millions of women wanted to possess in 1922.

"But it's all the same width from shoulders to hem," Miss Wyatt

said. "I am a bit concerned," she told me, "lest people who know how many books I produce will think my work must come before my home. The opposite is true. The only reason I can publish so much is because I write so fast."

Certainly she writes at an enviable pace. With a portable typewriter on her knee she will sit in an armchair and, with two fingers, peck out 2,000 words an hour.

"But first," she says, "I just sit with closed eyes and wait for my imagination to start operating what I might call my private cinema. It is a very well-trained imagination."

It is, indeed, after a minute or two, it begins to produce moving pictures behind the closed eyes. Little children appear and play and quarrel. She hears their voices. She knows their names.

Then behind them forms the setting for the new story—all without conscious effort on Enid Blyton's part.

### Spring Ensemble



Rene of Paris

Before long it has been acted out by the shadow children. Enid Blyton opens her eyes and the typewriter begins to click.

### Simplicity

WHATEVER the plot, you may be sure that it will not contain anything frightening like Grimm's witches, nor anything vulgar, nor any suggestion that Crime sometimes pays. Jamstenders never get away with it in Enid Blyton stories.

It may be a tale of the Faraway Tree, where the Little Folk live, and up which good children may sometimes climb into Birthday Land or the Land of Goodies. It may be a school tale for older children or another instalment of a serial.

Before I left she showed me a fan-letter.

"Dear Miss Blyton," it ran. "I love your new serial serial and I hope you won't die until you've finished it."

Certainly Miss Blyton is a power in the land.

### Do You Get Enough Exercise?



Courtesy Warner Bros.

When bad weather keeps her indoors, Movie Star Penny Edwards does limbering-up exercises at home.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FEW women take enough exercise to keep their blood streams travelling. Most of them know that fact well enough, especially when they find that the waist line isn't the neat little equator that it used to be. Many make resolutions, "No bending stunts for several days, get bored, and that's the end of it."

There is no reason why exercises should be complicated or exhausting. Let us suggest the "Windmill" which, at any rate, has a pleasant, interesting name that suggests plenty of activity.

Stand tall, spinal column stretched to the limit. Have the feet ten or twelve inches apart, arms horizontal on a line with the shoulders. Then, in a long, downward curve, touch your left toes with right hand, being careful not to bend at the knees. Do the same movement with your left hand, reaching your right toes. Keep your eyes on the outstretched hand.

Movie stars have their favourite exercises. Many of them are interested in outdoor sports. They take no chances on their pretty figures going to seed; that terrible state of affairs would put them out of business in a hurry. If you admire them, do as they do. Spare at least ten minutes every day for a muscle work-out. Stand before an open window, draw in the fresh air.

Here is another exercise, one that will give help to the poor dear who is lamenting because her hips are widening, thighs and calves thickening:

Lie on your back on the floor, toes hooked under a heavy piece of furniture or a radiator. Fold your arms across your chest. Rise slowly to a sitting position. Back slowly to first position. The first movement may not be easy, the second one may be impossible until you have strengthened the muscles of your back.

The old standby—touching the floor without bending the knees—is still a favourite with many women who would retain youthful contour.

### Let's Eat

BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

### Chicken Cooked Spanish Style

"CHEF, I'm planning to have a little dinner tomorrow for eight persons. And I'd like to have the coffee in the living room, and I'd like to pass some thin sugar wafers with it; we can serve those we made yesterday in the test kitchen."

"Poulet de Bresse would be excellent, Madame."

"You mean fine broiling chickens baked in lots of butter in a sealed casserole."

"Or we can have your American fried chicken Maryland with the bacon, and mushrooms for a garnish."

"Yes, yes; go on."

"Or it can be the young chicken breasts on sliced Smithfield ham with mushrooms baked under the glass bells." The Chef folded his arms. His eyes gleamed with anticipation.

"Oh no, we'll have chicken. But we are not going to use broiling or frying chickens. We are going to be thrifty and use one big plump stewing hen; it costs ever so much less per pound; it's almost a four-pounder."

"Then what Madame wants is plain chicken fricassee," the Chef remarked in a flat tone.

"But Chef, we're going to make it more glamorous than that."

"How?"

"We'll have chicken Paella," I announced.

"Oh, the Chicken Paella!" he echoed. "That is the Spanish style of cooking chicken with the golden rice and the Spanish sausage."

"And the clams," I added. "Don't forget them. Those steaming hot baked clams on the half shell all around the edge of the casserole look positively sensational."

Spanish Sausage

"This will really be a chicken dish de luxe," said the Chef, his spirits rising again. "And if I can't get the Spanish sausage, I will use the Polish style sausage which is very tasty. If necessary I can use some tinned clams, and Madame, if your readers would like to use this recipe and cannot get the clams on the shell for decorating the outside edges, I would suggest some mussels or a few large cooked shrimp. This combination of chicken with the rice seems to be getting too dry, add a little boiling water, and put an asbestos mat underneath the utensil. To serve, transfer to a 4 qt. casserole—yes, this makes a lot. Arrange eight clams in the scrubbed shells around the edge, cover and bake 15 min. at 350 F. or until the clams open. The rice is dry and flaky. Serve 8.

Frosted Pineapple-Strawberry Cup

Wash, hull and slice 3 c. strawberries. Add 1/2 c. shredded fresh pineapple, 1 c. lemon juice and 1/4 c. sugar. Then add (or substitute 1-in. crushed pineapple for the fresh, and use only 1/2 c. sugar.) Serve in sherbet glasses with a topping of small scoops of lemon sorbet.

Trick Of The Chef

To make the cheese sticks, roll piecrust pastry thin. Sprinkle with a little celery seed and plenty of fine grated sharp American cheese. Fold over. Roll out again, cut in strips, place on oiled pans, brush with milk, sprinkle with a few celery seeds and bake 10 min. in a hot oven, 425 F.

## WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**BATTLING THE ELEMENTS** — With the power of three engines behind it, this snow plough fights its way through heavy drifts outside Cheyenne, Wyoming. Traffic was at a standstill in the recent blizzards which paralysed the area for several days.



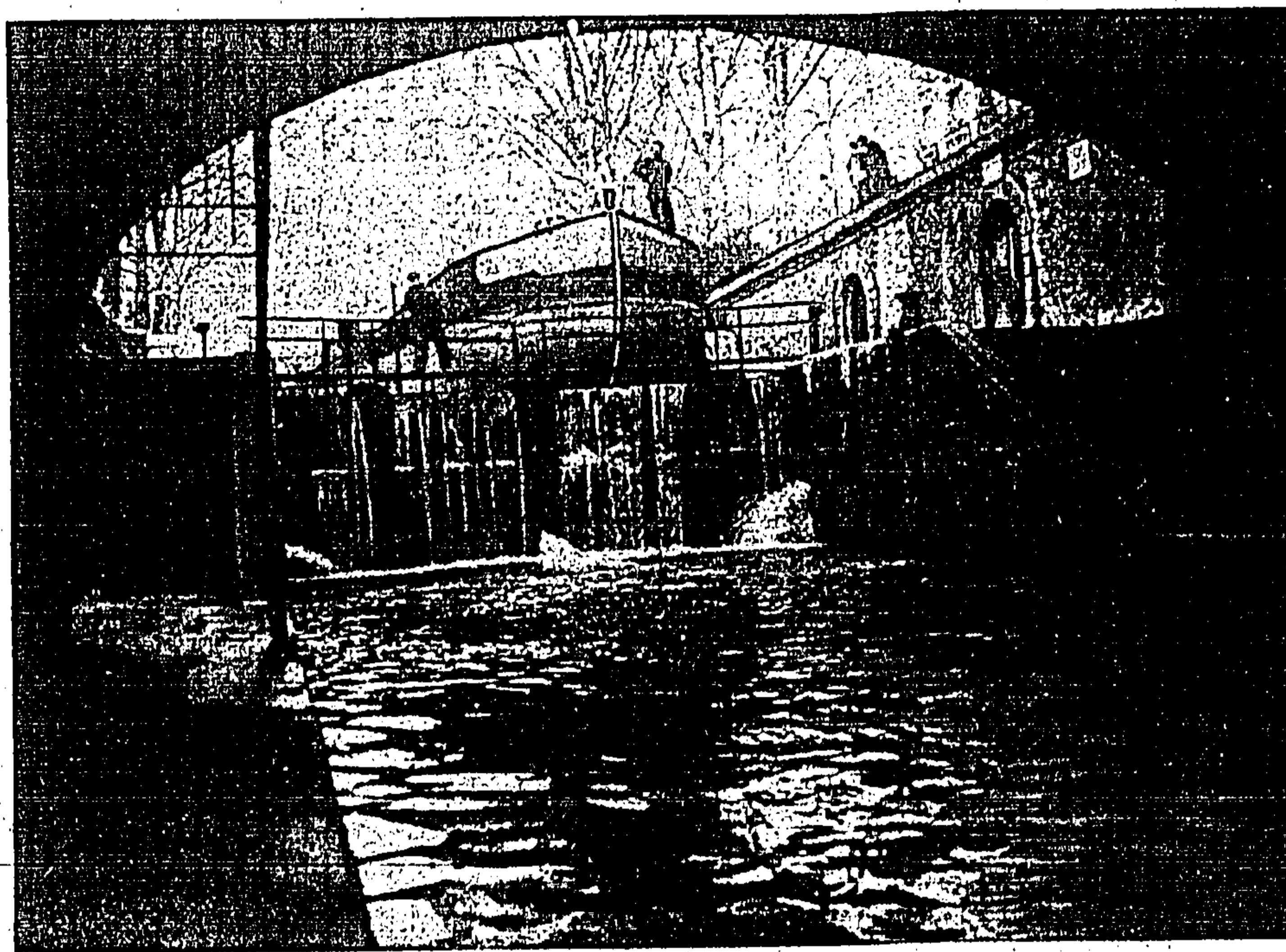
**DOG'S LIFE** — A dog's life must be miserable indeed, judging by the expressions on the faces of boxer Bladans Yo Yo and her seven-puppy litter. The New Hartford, New York, group is perfectly contented, despite all the frowns.



**TO LECTURE FOR WORLD PEACE** — Mrs. Adrienne Boissevain arrives in New York from Amsterdam to lecture on world peace. The patchwork skirt is worn by members of a Dutch women's club as a symbol of unity and world harmony.



**SWEATER GIRL** — Dr. Hubert W. Frings, associate professor of entomology at Penn State, couldn't study the effect of mice inhaling aerosol. They licked the stuff off their bodies, so the professor had his wife knit sweaters, eliminating the problem.



**UNDERGROUND CANAL** — A barge waits at a lock to be dropped into the covered section of the subterranean St Martin Canal in Paris. Built in the early 19th century as an open canal to cut off a 65-mile trip on the meandering Seine River, two miles of it were covered over in the 20th century to ease surface traffic. Barges are dropped 102 feet during the trip by means of nine pairs of locks.



**IN THE FIELD** — General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor of Germany, has his lunch with troops on exercises near Darmstadt. The operation was to check the power of troops in the face of "aggressors" attack from both east and west.



**OFF TO RED RALLY** — Young Berlin Communists ride in Soviet army truck en route to a rally in the Russian sector of Berlin. Communist chief Walter Ulbricht denounced the western powers at the rally which commemorated the death of two German Communists during the Berlin revolution of 1919.



**OUTDOOR MINDED** — Buxom Jane Russell is outdoor-conscious. So much so that she poses beside a swimming pool which was finished and used before the rest of her new home in the San Fernando Valley.



**FOR ALL LEVELS** — These New York hoses are playing on windows at all levels in a wholesale house fire. The five-alarm blaze reached serious proportions but no injuries were reported.

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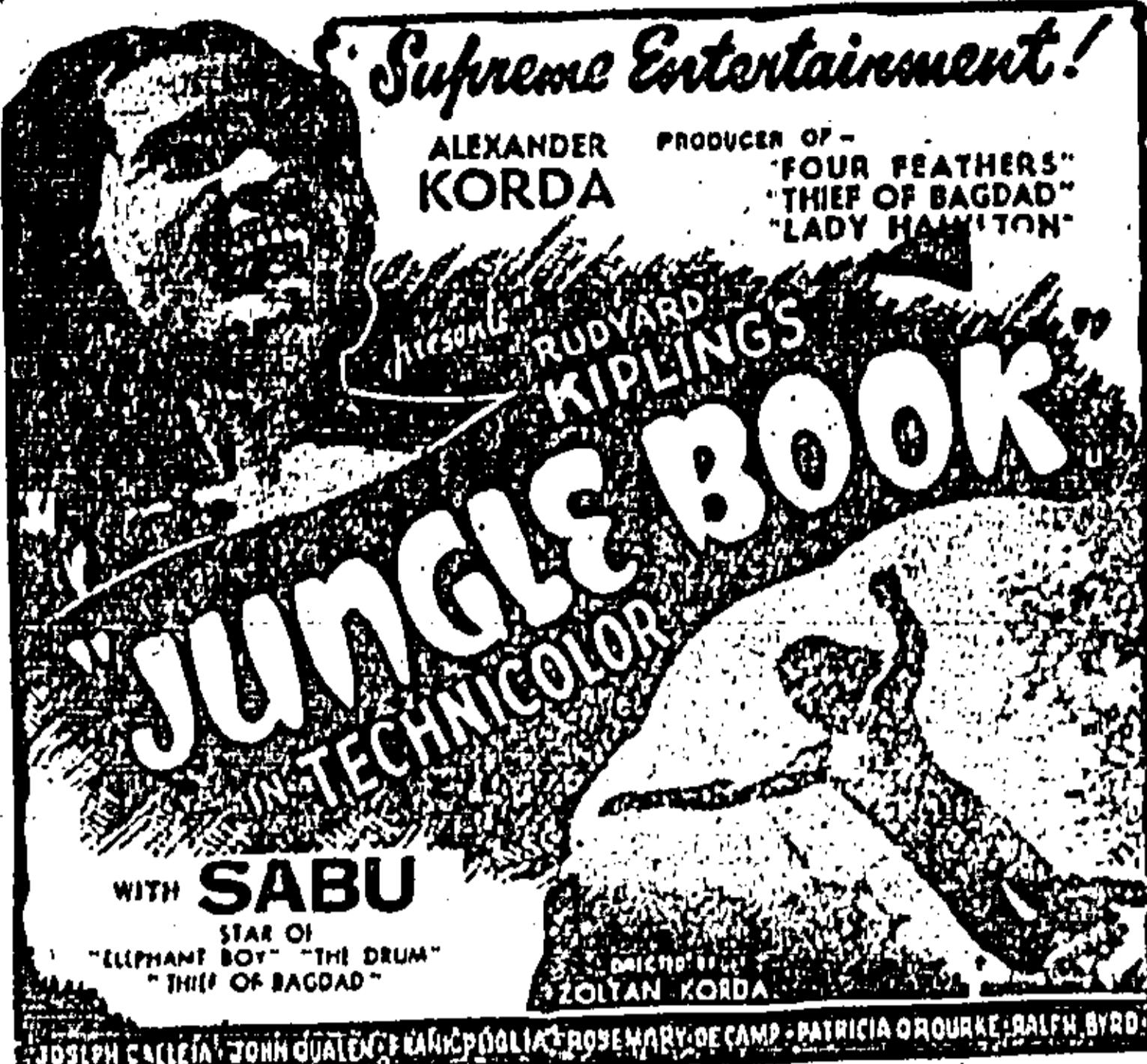
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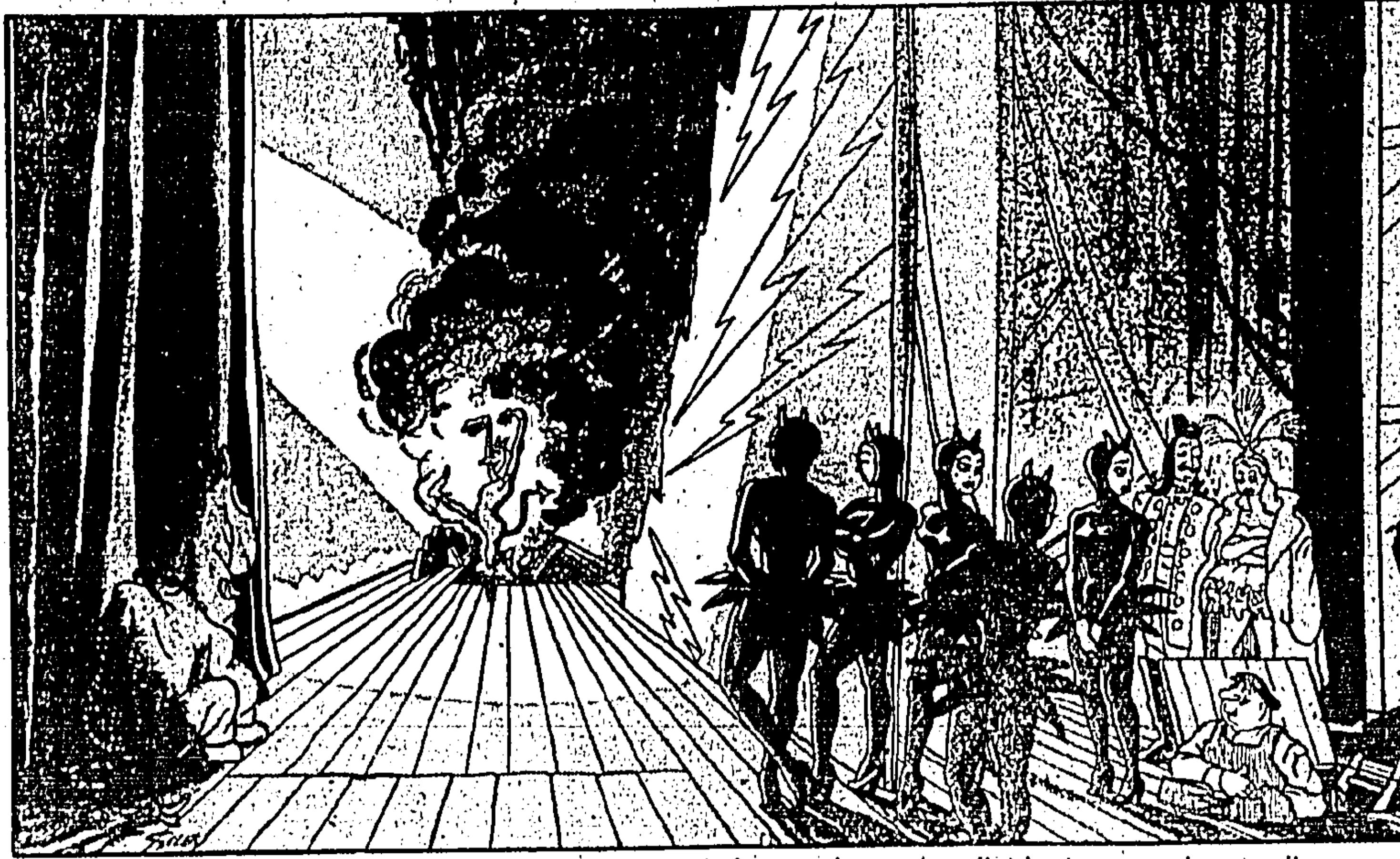
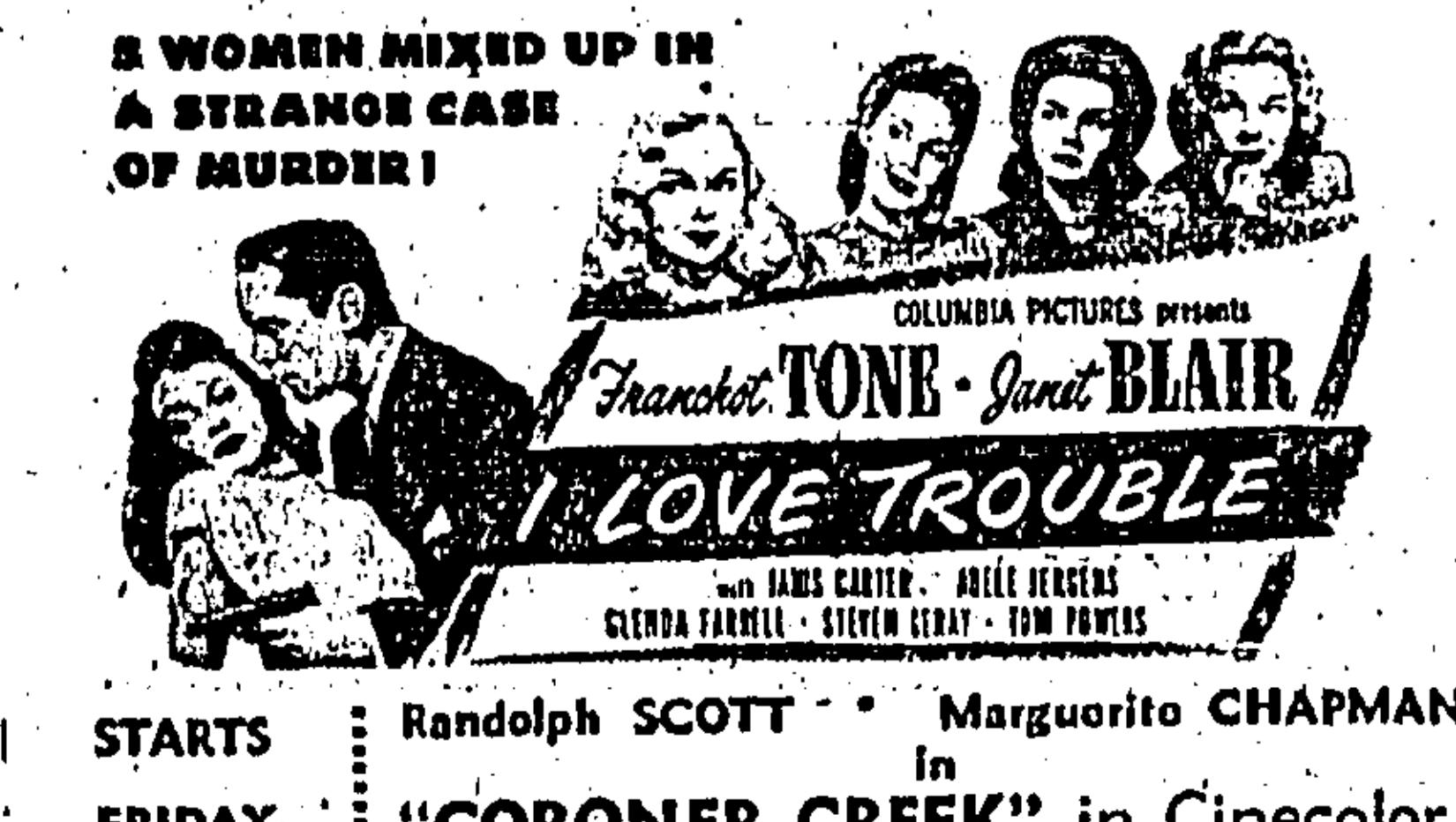
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From Anna, Get Your  
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**I**N Omsk and Plonsk, The folk was dombsk. They never had no larnin. They were happy as could be till Lenin said, "Be comradely." Told them to be comradely.

**Folks in Minsk**  
Weren't taught to think  
Of schools and books and larnin,  
Till they learned their A B C  
Trying to be comradely.  
Trying to be comradely.

**You didn't have to know how to read and write;**  
To run around the town on a Saturday night.  
You didn't have to look in a book to find  
What the polk-becurca had on its mind.

**My uncle in the Urals**  
He couldn't sign his name,  
Went highbrow, painted murals,  
They shot him just the same.

**Uncle Ivo might be alive**  
If politics hasn't got him,  
On the spree he talked too free,  
Other comrades shot him,  
Other comrades shot him.

**Uncle Dick was never sick**  
Till he studied Trotsky,  
They shot him dead because he said  
Trotsky's not so hotsky,  
Trotsky's not so hotsky.

**Sister Ann she loved her gran**  
Till she joined the party.  
Then her granny seemed to be  
A member of the bourgeoisie  
(So she done her in, you see).  
The dirty, filthy bourgeoisie.

**In old Murmansk**  
They don't say thank  
For all your books and larnin,  
They were happy as could be  
Doing what came naturally.  
Doing what came naturally.

### The Sparrow

**"IS ANYBODY at home?"** It was the voice of Mrs Sparrow's Soul Mate, a stoutish bird moulting on top of his head. Mrs Sparrow, who was cooking over two lighted twigs in a corner of the nest, hopped round on one claw and tried to remove her tiny apron with the other.

"Oh, dear, fancy you here," she said.

"Not pleased to see me?" asked the Soul Mate in mock alarm.

"You know I'm always pleased to see you," said Mrs Sparrow, "but I didn't think you'd catch me like this with my apron on and everything upside down."

"There is no prettier domestic scene than the angel of the nest wearing her apron, and her peak over the cooking pot."

The Soul Mate smiled eagerly at the delicious smells filling the air.

"And I expect my beak's shiny too," said Mrs Sparrow, hopping to a square half-inch of mirror and dabbing frantically at her face with her beak.

"Oh, I wish he could speak French and quote poetry like you," she said.

"It sounds ever so beautiful."

"Hark," said the Soul Mate, biting on the last crisp earwig. "I think I hear him quoting something."

"Always thinking of others," said Mrs Sparrow. Such a noble, generous nature. Such a compulsive son . . .

"Shush," said the Soul Mate.

Comparisons are odious. And we all have our faults.

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# WORLD STUNNED BY CARDINAL'S LIFE SENTENCE

New York, Feb. 8.—M. Bela Balassa, the acting Hungarian Consul General in New York, announced tonight that he and his staff of four had resigned in protest against the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty.

The Consul General's announcement was the highlight of a flood of protests which began pouring into New York from all parts of the United States as soon as the Budapest sentences became known.

Archbishops led a chorus of verbal protests while in New York about 5,000 people were expected to gather at the City Hall to urge the Mayor, Mr. O'Dwyer, to cable the Mayor of Budapest demanding the Cardinal's immediate release.

A call for such a demonstration was issued by the "People's Committee" to free Cardinal Mindszenty, which said it wanted other mayors to send similar cables.

Students of Catholic colleges in New York also announced plans to picket the Communist pickets at the court while 11 American Communists are on trial for alleged conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government.

The New York Post said the convictions were "expected to have serious repercussions at Lake Success, where the bars are believed up against the admission of Hungary to the United Nations in the foreseeable future."

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States compared the sentences to the measures taken in Hungary to outlaw Zionism. "Communist denials of basic human rights are retracing the vicious design that moved Nazism to oppress and murder all those who dare to harbour views other than those prescribed for them by their political captors," the National Commander of the Veterans, Myron Dorfman, declared.

The American-Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labour Committee declared: "It is difficult not to conclude that the Communist Government (of Hungary) has embarked on a programme of religious persecution which it is seeking to disguise as prosecution on political grounds"—Reuter.

## WORLD REACTION

London, Feb. 8.—Pope Pius XII was "deeply grieved" by the life sentence passed on Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, it was reported. Several Members of Parliament are to ask questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. William Gallagher, Communist Member of Parliament, predicted that the Cardinal would be freed shortly. Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, the British prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, said the Budapest trial was "a travesty of the methods of justice."

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, is to ask the President of the Board of Trade if he will consider breaking off trade pact negotiations with Hungary.

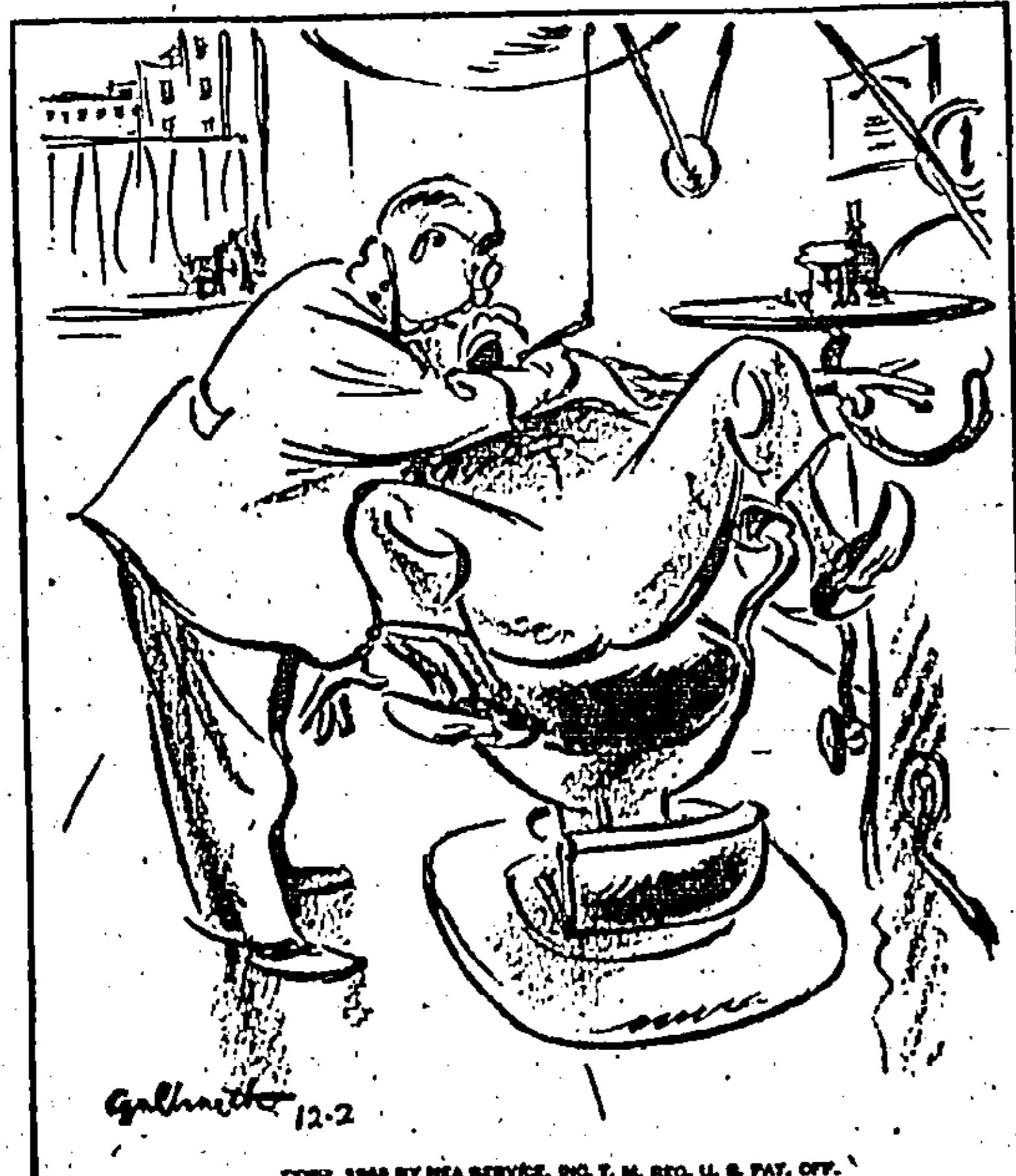
Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist Party, commented that the trial "has undoubtedly established for all impartial opinion the accuracy of the charges and the justice of the sentence."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the playwright, said: "The question is a very difficult one. If the verdict is to be regarded as purely anti-clericalism, it is indefensible. But the notion that priests and scientists should be exempted from the common law is equally indefensible."

The Hague: The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, told the Second Chamber that his Government regarded the Mindszenty case with "abhorrence," but could act only in accordance with present-day international custom.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"Don't try to answer now, but didn't follow up you in the world series?"

## US Minister Denies Implication

Budapest, Feb. 8.—The American Minister in Budapest, Mr. Selden Chaplin, this afternoon described the charges made against him during the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty as "nonsense and pure fantasy." Mr. Chaplin told Reuters: "The verdict and proceedings are what could be expected. The implications concerning me in the court's final remarks, as well as the allegations during the proceedings, imply improper conduct on my part."

"The allegations are nonsense and pure fantasy."

During the trial the court had held that Mr. Chaplin had had illegal dealings with Cardinal Mindszenty, had known of, and engaged in, the Royalist plot of which Cardinal Mindszenty was said to have been the leader; and had been given information of an espionage nature by Cardinal Mindszenty.

—Reuter.

## 'Old Guard' Still Strong In Japan, US Warned

New York, Feb. 8.—A prominent writer about Asia affairs reported today that the "old guard" is almost as strong as ever in Japan and may make trouble when the Allied Occupation ends.

The warning was made by T. A. Bisson in "Prospects for Democracy in Japan," published under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Affairs.

Bisson traced the American occupation up to and including the "new trend" outlined in the April, 1948, report by Under-Secretary of Army William H. Draper and others.

The "Draper report" called for an economic pump-primer programme aimed to restore Japanese industry and ease the occupation burden borne by U.S. taxpayers.

"Application of the Draper programme," Bisson concluded, "appeared destined to strengthen the old business group and restore it to its good standing. In view of this group's record in relation to Japan's post-war economy, there was good reason to question whether it would use forthcoming American aid to the best advantage. Other Far Eastern nations were also concerned and were asking whether the old Japanese tends to come safe, be entangled with the building of an intensive drive designed to restore Japan to the position of the workshop of the Far East."

DIFFERENT VIEW

"Instead of urging that SCAP cease to rely on the old regime and endeavour to develop a genuinely new and democratically minded leadership in both government and industry, the military-business interests represented by the Draper Mission took a very different view."

"Their proposed solution of the problem was to restore Japan to what was, in essence, her pre-World War II industrial status, with one notable difference: Japan's economic life would continue to be ruled by the Zabatists—representing the greatest concentration of economic control ever achieved by any group in any country—but henceforth American capital would be a partner of the Zabatists in pre-war-style international cartels, or would simply take over certain key Japanese industries by means of large direct investments."

Bisson contended that, in the political field the occupation has made considerable, but not enough, progress toward uprooting the feudal system that led to Japanese aggression.

The closer down to the grass roots of Japan one gets," he said, "the more absolute becomes the old guard's control. Under these conditions, even the present degree of liberal influence which exists in the Diet and the Cabinet may prove unable to maintain itself against the intensified pressure it will face when the occupation leaves Japan."—United Press.

ARMY RELEASES FOR STUDENTS

London, Feb. 8.—Raghunath Rao, assistant director general of the International Labour Organisation, arrived today for a four-week visit from the Philippines. He is on an extended mission in the Far East, and has already visited India and China.

Officials in Gen. MacArthur's Labour division said Mr. Rao would talk with them and the Japanese authorities on the possibility of re-establishing and developing relations between Japan and the ILO.

Mr. Rao will make a brief survey of Japan's social and economic reconstruction and gather information on questions to be placed on the agenda of the regional Asian ILO conference to be held in the first quarter of 1950.—United Press.

RELAY OF GOVERNOR'S SPEECH TONIGHT

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## DEFENCE IN PWD CASE OPENS ADDRESS TO JURY

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There was a period during the Japanese occupation when the Colony knew no law.

The Colony, said Mr. Chen, was blessed with three things: independent judges, juries who were the judges of fact, and the important right of cross-examination, and his learned friend and himself were confident that the jury would give the correct verdict.

### VISCOUNT SIMON QUOTED

Continuing, Mr. Chen said that in Hongkong many people might have forgotten what were their sacred rights and duties, hard-fought for rights of counsel at the British Bar.

Counsel then read an extract of a statement made by Viscount (then Sir John) Simon, in an address delivered before the Canadian Bar Association at Ottawa in September 1931 entitled "The Vocation of an Advocate."

Sir John asked himself what was the real duty of an honourable man who had put upon him the heavy burden of a serious crime, and he answered it in this way: "First to devote the whole power of his mind and all the resources of his experience to the task. There is an honourable tradition at any rate at the English Bar, that even a man who may be busy with different cases, if he undertakes and is called upon to defend the meanest criminal charged with a crime, is bound to give his own personal attention to that work, odious and unremunerative as it may be, to the exclusion of all other business coming his way. And in what spirit should it be discharged?"

It is, I venture to say, essential to the cause of justice in dealing with any charge of serious crime that the service of a man professionally trained should be available to defend those who are accused; such a helper is needed to make sure that the most is made of every flaw and of every gap in the net which seems to be closing round the unhappy man; and thus you may sec that all shall be said on the accused's behalf which the accused could properly say if he were not embarrassed by his situation and thereby prevented from speaking. I am afraid there are occasions when the full measure of this duty is not observed;

it cannot be too strongly emphasised that when cases clash it is the defence in a criminal case—that ought to be left to the experts."

### WITNESSES' EVIDENCE

These men, when they went to the Police Station on numerous occasions, all were paid with Government money and in Government time. They went there knowing they must give evidence against Kwok. What would have happened to them if they refused? Mr. Chen said he did not know, but they came to the Court knowing that they had to give evidence against Kwok Kwong, and "that is something which you, ladies and gentlemen of the Jury, must consider as to whether that evidence is unprejudiced, spontaneous, clean, good evidence."

Mr. Chen said that there were no different defences as alleged by Crown Counsel. "We didn't know about larceny in courage, but with the tradition of the English Bar, the great tradition hundreds of years old, I am not afraid of Police men. Regarding my learned friend, I won't say he lacked courage; he had great courage in bringing a case of this kind to this Court, keeping us here for five weeks listening to his indictment of larceny by public servants, the alleged stealing of 600 yards of wire by public servant, of two lamp shades, another few hundred yards of wire, 10 fluorescent lamps and a fuse-board. He is not lacking in courage. He may be lacking in something else."

JURY'S INFERENCES

"That sums up my duty," Mr. Chen declared. "I have been accused of being lacking in courage, but with the tradition of the English Bar, the great tradition hundreds of years old, I am not afraid of Police men. Regarding my learned friend, I won't say he lacked courage; he had great courage in bringing a case of this kind to this Court, keeping us here for five weeks listening to his indictment of larceny by public servants, the alleged stealing of 600 yards of wire by public servant, of two lamp shades, another few hundred yards of wire, 10 fluorescent lamps and a fuse-board. He is not lacking in courage. He may be lacking in something else."

Referring to Crown Counsel's comment that the evidence of the case must be taken as a whole, Mr. Chen said that it must not be taken as a whole, that the Jury must examine it count by count and return a verdict on each count. Mr. Chen said that Mr. Hooton stated that there was overwhelming evidence for this and overwhelming evidence for that, and the Jury must draw the inference on this and inference on that, but Mr. Chen contended Crown Counsel must prove his case beyond all reasonable doubt.

Mr. Chen said that he had tried to ascertain from Crown Counsel where the materials came from and what kind of materials, and he had replied—some of this and some of that. It was also said that 600 yards of white wire came from Wanchai stores. Which stores, counsel queried? There were three kinds of stores. There were ordinary junk stores, Ho Ting's private store and there was a place where they kept things which had been issued from transient stores at Wanchai. And then there was a place under the control of a man named Chan Lung-chung where "you cannot get one thing out unless you have a store order note and when goods are taken out they are written in an index record, and all such goods are counted for."

WORKMEN WITNESSES

Mr. Chen said that yesterday he pinned Crown Counsel down to the fact that Ho Sung was supposed to have taken 600 yards of white or some kind of wire out of that store and was supposed to have given it to Ho Ting. And a few moments ago he had said to him, where did all these articles come from, and the most they had got now was they were from Hungton.

With regard to Chinese workmen who gave evidence, Mr. Chen said that Crown Counsel contended that they told honest stories. Mr. Hooton went on to say there was no motive for these men to say what they said in the witness box.

Mr. Chen said that the witnesses who came into the box to give evidence against Kwok were all men who were accomplices of what the Crown alleged was true.

They were the men who went and agreed to do the work, they were the men who did not say to Kwok, "What you are telling me to do is a wrong thing, I am not going to work in Government time."

Mr. Chen said that the witnesses who came into the box to give evidence against Kwok were all men who did not say to Kwok, "Why did not Ho Ting say to Sparry, 'I am not going to do that work? All he said was, 'I had to obey.'

If their story was true, were they accomplices? Yes, they were. Mr. Chen submitted. What was the motive for saying what they said in the witness box? What was their motive for not telling the truth? To get off not to be arrested, and it arrested not to be charged, Mr. Chen declared. They had every motive for accusing or trying to put the blame on Kwok, Counsel added.

### QUESTION OF KEYS

"I go further to say that it has been drummed into them, that they had to say so and so in order to incriminate Kwok; otherwise why did they come one after another in a steady flow to say the same thing?"

Mr. Chen said that the question of the keys became a joke. "Oh, Kwok had the keys." Every one had said so.

"There was every right to treat these witnesses as witnesses who were here not to tell the truth," Mr. Chen declared, "but who were here, for special purpose, and that was specially to incriminate Kwok Kwong." As to why they did it, whether they did work during Government time or not, he did not know, but the witnesses were brought to the Court to incriminate Kwok Kwong and they took every opportunity to do so.

It had been suggested that witnesses had been taught lessons as to what they would say in the witness box, Counsel continued. They were asked how many times did they go to the police station. Some said 10 times, others eight times; and there were large numbers of witnesses and they had to wait. Mr. Chen said that there were not only two policemen who were taking statements. There was a large staff of Chinese detectives led by Iu Mu, chief Chinese detective, who could take statements.

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# CHANGE IN THE OFFSIDE LAW SUGGESTED BY SCOTTISH FA

London, Feb. 8.—A Scottish Football Association suggestion that the time has come when a change in the offside law would be welcomed may develop into one of the biggest controversies in the history of Association football.

The present offside law, with its "stopper" centre-half, is considered by many to be responsible for the sub-standard football being played today. The Scottish body hopes that an alteration in the rule would enable the centre-half to return to his normal attacking role, a move which, no doubt, would suit the majority of today's centre-forwards.

The suggestion is that the field of play be divided into three equal parts so that the offside area is cut from a half to a third. In the remaining third of the field the old offside rule, which is governed by three players instead of the present two, would apply.

The halfway line would be from offside and each defence the a centre-forward, but to find a man protection of the old offside law. The restricted defence area would, it is hoped, prevent a recurrence of unnecessary exploitation of the offside trap which was responsible for the present rule being introduced in 1925.

Stanley Cullis, former International centre-half, who manages Wolverhampton, was perhaps the last of the attacking type of centre-half. He himself calls his style of play only "semi-attacking" and would like to see trial games under the new ruling in the near future.

"The centre-half today is chosen for three virtues—height, heading and tackling. Clubs do not bother about his ability to attack," Cullis said.

The fact that the majority of the present centre-halves are nothing but third backs is one argument against the new ruling. Very few, indeed, of the "stoppers" today could revert to the old style of attack, and it would be some time before clubs became accustomed to the new ruling and find the necessary men for the rule.

**FAIRLY SIMPLE MATTER**  
It is a fairly simple matter to find a big man capable of stopping and that is what is needed—more brainy forwards and not rule changes, it is advocated.—Reuter.

Mr Keen's resignation was accepted, effective from March 1. A written proposal addressed by Mr L. G. Young to the HKFA that he cease to act as a soccer referee in Hong Kong until the present state of affairs on the field be remedied was also considered and accepted by the HKFA Council.

Mr Young's proposal was embodied in a letter complaining about the attitude which the HKFA had adopted in regard to certain players about whom he had sent in a complaint.

The Council also considered a letter by Mr J. Ward, regarding the conduct of certain "Sino-players" during the match with Combined Chinese and decided to write to the Saigon football authorities and to the Consul for France.

Mr Ward, who alleged that a Saigon player had insulted him by saying "English dog-accepting money from the Chinese," paid tribute to Chiang Kai-shek for his stand in giving away the chance of receiving when his side was awarded a penalty. Mr Ward said that by his act Chiang did more than a referee could possibly have done.

A letter from Soong Ling-sing, whose leg was broken during the Korean series, appealing for financial assistance was brought before the meeting. Following lengthy discussion, it was decided to appoint a Committee to consider the best method of assisting Soong without in any way making him a professional.

## MEDICAL BILLS

Letters from certain other Chinese players regarding the paying of medical bills were discussed and it was decided to send these bills to the respective team managers for comment.

During the discussion on injured players, the apparent lack of interest by the HKFA in the serious injury sustained by Rafferty of the Royal Navy while playing in the Scotland versus Portugal match was brought up.

It was pointed out that the least the HKFA could do would be to visit Rafferty, who is still in Hospital, and to enquire after his welfare.

A letter from the Burmese Football Association, enquiring if Hong Kong could accommodate them with a series of games, was read to the meeting.

After it had been stressed that the standard of football in Burma was quite high, it was decided to refer the matter to the Interport Sub-Committee.

The application by South China Athletic Association relative to a Vice-President's Cup Competition was, after discussion, provisionally sanctioned.

The meeting decided that the third match of the Governor's Cup Competition be played on the Club Ground, Happy Valley, on March 20, at 4 p.m.

## CHALLENGE SHIELD

The draw for the Challenge Shield Competition Semi-final resulted as follows:

### SENIOR

S. China "A" v. S. China "B" v. St. Joseph's at Sookunpoo on Saturday, February 20, at 4 p.m.

Kit Chee v. Police on the Club Ground on Sunday, February 21, at 4 p.m.

### JUNIOR

Kowloon Motor Bus v. Tramways at Sookunpoo on Saturday, February 20, at 2 p.m.

Dockyard v. South China on Club Ground on Sunday, February 21, at 2 p.m.

Mr L. F. de Souza, Hon. Secretary of the HKFA announced to the meeting that he had received a letter from the Korean authorities thanking the HKFA for its hospitality to the Korean players during their visit.

Mr Souza said that this was the first time that a letter of this nature had been received from a visiting team for a very long time.

A committee of three—Mr H. K. Lee, Mr. Barrett and Mr Mac-Alpine—was elected to discuss and decide on ways to render help to players injured whilst playing for the Association.

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But the FA Cup had a very humble beginning. On October 16, 1874, the Football Association held a meeting at which it was agreed to purchase for the colossal sum of £25,000 to be competed for by clubs belonging to the Association.

The competition attracted the staggering number of 15 entries, and the Cup finally went to the amateur team, The Wanderers. The match, incidentally, was played on the now famous cricket ground, the Oval, before a crowd of 2,000.

In those early days a cup-tie was considered so unimportant that in the 1873-74 season, the captains of the old Sheldene Club and Shropshire Wanderers tossed for the right to take part in the second round. History records that Shropshire won.

In 1884, when Queen's Park, the famous Scottish Club, made the journey south to play Blackburn Rovers in the Cup Final, 12,000 people saw the game—the first instance on record of a five-figure attendance. But in 1885, when professionalism became legal, the Cup took on a new lease of life, and attendance figures and gate receipts mounted steadily towards the present day totals.

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The Prime Minister said the emergence of Malay women from their seclusion was an inevitable social development. It is a sign of the times, he commented, and unfavourable criticism was only a "storm in a teacup." He donated \$50 to the team.—Associated Press.

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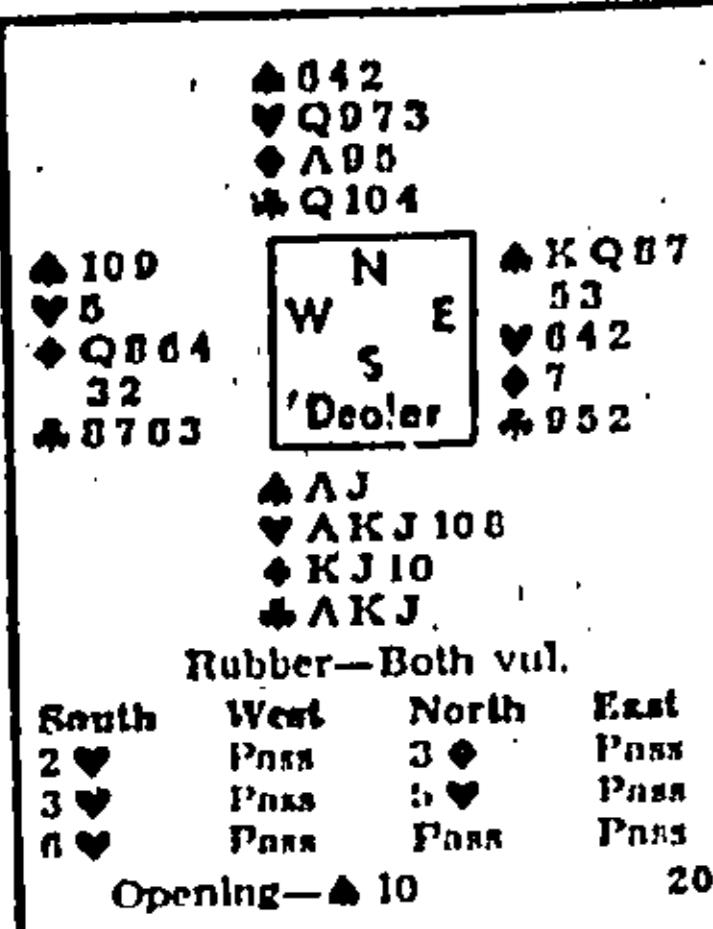
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## • FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

## • McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Must Count Hand To Find Vital Card



BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

SEEING all the hands, it looks like declarer would have no trouble in making his contract of six hearts or today's hand. But as he can see only two hands, he must try to count the hand out in order to locate the queen of diamonds.

The opening lead of the ten of spades is won by declarer with the ace. Three rounds of trumps are taken, which pick up the outstanding trumps. Now the ace, king and queen of clubs are cashed, and then declarer leads the jack of spades. West plays the nine-spot and East wins the trick with the queen of spades.

East returns a spade which declarer ruffs. When West shows out, declarer knows that East originally held six spades, three hearts and at least three clubs. Therefore, he must find out whether East holds a singleton diamond or the thirteenth club. He leads the king of diamonds—and when East plays the seven, declarer has located the queen in the West hand.

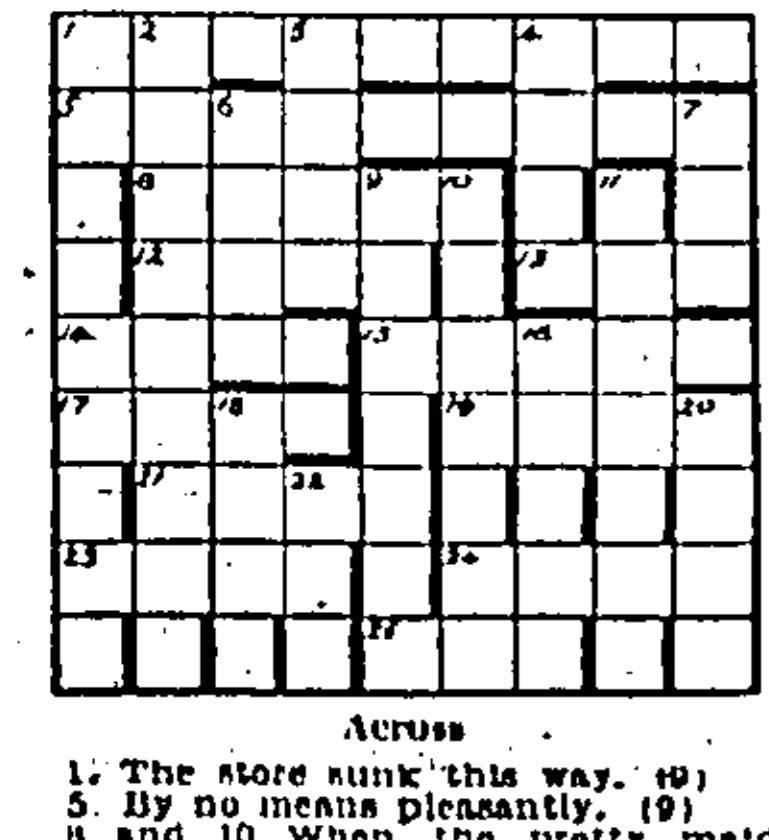
He now leads the jack of diamonds, and when West refuses to cover, declarer lets it ride. The ten of diamonds is won in dummy with the ace, and the contract is made.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Where did the art of making brocade originate?
2. For whom is the month of August named?
3. What is gunva.
4. Prior to its damage by the Germans in World War I, what cathedral was considered the finest example of Gothic architecture?
5. What is the area of the earth's surface?
6. What is a cat's cradle?

(Answers at foot of Column.)

## CROSSWORD



1. Pure soda (anag.). (9)  
2. On Shanks' pony. (9)  
3. A and 13. What may make things work more easily? (3-3)  
4. At the wild briar. (4)  
5. House. (10)  
6. See 8 Across.  
7. It's quite clear. (6)  
8. The ancient Chancery. (4)  
9. Insects from the left over rubber. (6)

10. Crossed; 5 and 7. Lavender water. (10)  
11. Nip. 10 and 11. Egg cup. 12. Kirsch. (10)  
12. Arch. 11. Babb. 9. Yell. 13. Tropic. (10)  
13. History. 6. Vaseline. 7. See Across. 8. Purfah. 11. See 10 Across.  
14. Rabbit. 17. Robot. 18. Idol.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. In China, where brocades were made as early as A.D. 238. 2. The Roman emperor Augustus. 3. Gunva is a fruit from a tropical tree. 4. The Cathedral at Rheims. 5. It is placed at about 197,000,000 square miles. 6. A game played with a string wound round the fingers of both hands in the form of a cradle with various changes of pattern.

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## MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

## STORY OF POLAND IN THE LAST DECADE

STANISLAW Mikolajczyk is not the first to denounce the Russians for ruthlessly imposing Communism on a weaker nation, but he is probably the first statement to write a frank and detailed account of the 'Big Three' negotiations to decide Poland's future in the European set-up.

His book, *THE PATTERN OF SOVIET DOMINATION* (Simpson Low, 15s.), is the story of Poland from 1939 to 1949, during which time Mikolajczyk was Chairman of the Polish Peasant Party and more recently Prime Minister of the Provisional Polish Government in Warsaw. He has witnessed his country ravaged by war's devastation and human suffering. In nine years, he tells us, 30 percent of the Polish population has been "liquidated", 6,000,000 civilians put to death, and 3,000,000 deported or sent to work in concentration camps. It makes grim and unhappy reading.

After serving as a private in the Polish Army and later, in the collapse of France, as deputy to General Sikorski in London, Mikolajczyk became Prime Minister on the joint invitation of the British, American and Soviet Governments. But it was a precarious hold he had on his office, and when in October of last year he was sentenced to death by a Russian Military Court, he fled to England.

Perhaps, however, the greatest interest for the English reader will be in his candid account of the several conferences he had with Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin, Molotov and Truman.

THE PLAGUE AND I By Betty Macdonald (Hammond, 10/6)

There are not enough Betty Macdonalds in the world today. This pretty, auburn-haired housewife of 40, who looks ten years younger

AN ENGLISHMAN'S YEAR  
By H. J. Massingham  
(Collins, 12/6)

It is the good fortune of but the very few—which H. J. Massingham is one—to spend a whole year away from city and suburb among farmers and country-dwellers in some of the loveliest corners of England and Ireland.

Happy, Mr. Massingham kept a detailed diary of all the country-side activities he witnessed and the people he encountered in his wanderings.

His book, which is beautifully illustrated by 27 photographs, is something more than a countryman's chronicle and a factual record of bird and animal life through the calendar. Within its covers he has found time to write on a variety of subjects, including archaeology, mythology and folklore, but never once does he forget that a large section of his audience must be townpeople who may be comparative strangers to the rural scene he himself knows so well.

Here, indeed, at 12/6, is a book to make an admirable gift and an engaging companion.

(Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

Mr. Punch read aloud from his book of magic.

Never start something you don't finish, for this sets a poor habit pattern, especially for one of your temperament. You are probably talented in music, dramatics and in dancing. A career in one of these fields would be successful. Always keep in mind that, for you, specialisation is of the utmost importance.

Sometimes you find it difficult to make a decision since often when you use snap judgment, you are wrong—and at other times, when you delay a decision, you discover you have waited too long! Learn to listen to that small intuitive voice carefully. If you follow it wisely, you will never err.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A good day for hard, serious work. Set yourself to some important task and finish it thoroughly for success.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—There are oppositional forces at work so go carefully today, especially in matters of romance or of the affections.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Business gains and an improvement in personal relations with others. There may be romance for you, too.

**Taurus** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Anticipate a pleasant day through the offices of your friends. All shipping interests appear favoured.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Be practical today. When making plans, be constructive and you should reap the proper rewards at once.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—Both office and home workers are well-favoured. See that you make excellent progress. Your fault is you don't!

BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

NOTHING could be more fun for the ordinary man and woman than the row between the Stock Exchange and the Banks over the 25 percent commission on all kinds of flaps.

Both bodies "have the welfare of the public at heart," and nothing contributes more to that welfare than the spectacle of the niddy-noddies and the bankers striking attitudes of dignified anger.

All this ought to be killed.

## Strabismus on the Amazon (VI)

A VERY long despatch describes an attempt to trap a scar-faced gaucho. Working on a diagram made by Strabismus, they dug a deep pit, planted a stake in it, and attached a pulley-rope to the bough of a nearby alabaster. One end of the rope was twisted back and round a second stake on the next edge of the pit. The other end was noosed and hung over the pit. On the far lip of the pit a concealed tip-up board was placed. When touched this would set the elaborate machinery in motion by bringing down a sawn-through bean-tree and so blocking the exit backwards from the pit. The gaucho came charging out of the undergrowth and leaped into the pit. Strabismus got his leg in the noose of the rope, the bean-tree knocked Hownde into the pit, the free end of the rope tripped Mrs. Rowlins, who cannoned into Bloteaux and pushed him on top of Hownde. Taking no notice of any of this, the gaucho disappeared in the distance.

**Careers for girls**

Women have now come out of the home into the world, with excellent results.

(From a speech.)

IN a less fortunate age Mar-shallissime Mrs. Pouker would have been attending to her sewing instead of doing what she is doing. As writer said: "One by one the fortresses of prejudice are falling to the determined assault of the women." They can now even be billiards-markers, thus "living their own lives."

Trade has been affected by the Dutch "police action" which started on December 20 against the Indonesian Republic Government. Since that date 56 ships have left Singapore for Sumatra carrying STS\$3,500,000 worth of goods. This total is considered very low.—Associated Press.

**Decline In Grain Affects Rubber Market**

New York, Feb. 8.—Number 1 contract-rubber futures today closed unchanged to 13 points lower on sales totalling 129 contracts.

Standard contract futures closed 13 to 15 points lower on sales totalling 13 contracts.

Prices slid off at the close of business after early easiness in line with London cables. The decline in grains and weakness in a long list of other commodities shook the confidence of traders.

There was no factory interest in physicals and the government is apparently out altogether for the time being.

Today the price of sheet rubber fell below that of synthetic rubber.

Prices closed as follow:

SHAKES	BUYERS SELLERS RATES
BRIT. IND.	18/10 18/20 10 18/25
HK. BANK	18/25 nominal
INSURANCES	17/20 bid
CANTON	17/20 nominal
U.S.A.	17/20
Underwriters	5/20
DOCKS, ETC.	17/20
K. Wharf (O)	14/3
Dock	27/20 28/20 400 16/27/14
Prov. Dist. (O)	10/14
Star Ferry	13/20 13/20
C. Light (O)	15/20 500 15/20
Underwriters	15/20
Shul Land	3/30 3/40 1000 15/20
Shul Land (O)	15/20 1000 14/20
Humphreys (O)	14/12
Utilities	17/20
Star Ferry	21 500 20/20
C. Light (O)	13/20 30/30 300 30/30
Telephone	33/4 33/4

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